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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: Pages 2 - 7

Amendments to the Claims: Pages 8 - 12

Amendments to the Abstract: None

Amendments to the Drawings: Page 13

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